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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

RE: Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The Latah County Planning Department writes to express our concerns over the Federal Communications Commission's proposed Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order regarding state and local governance of small cell wireless infrastructure deployment.

While we share the Commission's goal of finding new ways to deploy broadband technologies, especially in underserved communities, we are concerned that the proposed language would significantly impede local governments' ability to serve as trustees of public property, safety and welfare and to protect the citizens that live in Latah County and own and enjoy property in Latah County.

This proposal equates to the federal government enacting local zoning without any care or consideration for local citizens or entities. This is fundamentally and philosophically the opposite of how zoning should be enacted. If enacted, this will cause conflict, lawsuits and discord.

Latah County has worked with private business to build the best broadband infrastructure possible for our residents. We oppose this effort and urge you to oppose this declaratory ruling and report and order.

Respectfully submitted,

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